

REMARKS

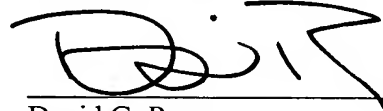
Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/120,543 (the "parent application"), filed on April 12, 2002. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 9 – 15. These claims correspond to the non-elected Group II claims that were withdrawn from consideration and later cancelled in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of April 08, 2003 in the parent application. Claims 1-8 were the Group I claims elected in response to the above Restriction Requirement in the parent application. Therefore, claims 1-8 have been cancelled in the present application.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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